

Paper. The basis for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for these products is that there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to supply these products to the Federal Government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow an otherwise qualified Nonmanufacturer to supply other than the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses or awarded through the SBA 8(a) Program. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and potential source information from interested parties.

DATES: Comments and sources must be submitted on or before May 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: David Wm. Loines, Procurement Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Tel: (202) 205-6475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public law 100-656, enacted on November 15, 1988, incorporated into the Small Business Act the previously existing regulation that recipients of Federal contracts set-aside for small businesses or the SBA 8(a) Program procurement must provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.906(b) and 121.1106(b). Section 303(h) of the law provides for waiver of this requirement by SBA for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market. To be considered available to participate in the Federal market on these classes of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal Government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on two coding systems. The first is the Office of Management and Budget Standard Industrial Classification Manual. The second is the Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The Small Business Administration is currently processing a request for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Tabulating Paper (computer forms, manifold or continuous) (SIC 2761, PSC 7530) and invites the public to comment or provide information on potential small business manufacturers for this product.

In an effort to identify potential small business manufacturers, the SBA has searched the Procurement Automated Source System (PASS) and *Thomas Register*, and the SBA will publish a notice in the Commerce Business Daily. The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for this class of products.

Dated: April 29, 1996.
Judith A. Roussel,
Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-ANE-69]

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Pratt & Whitney JT9D series turbofan engines. This proposal would require initial and repetitive eddy current inspections (ECI) of 14th and 15th stage high pressure compressor (HPC) disks for cracks, and removal of cracked disks and replacement with serviceable parts. This proposal is prompted by a report of a 14th stage HPC disk bore found cracked during a shop inspection. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent 14th and 15th stage HPC disk rupture, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-ANE-69, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may also be submitted to the Rules Docket by using the following Internet address: "epd-adcomments@mail.hq.faa.gov". Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30

p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Pratt & Whitney, Publications Department, Supervisor Technical Publications Distribution, M/S 132-30, 400 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108; telephone (860) 565-7700. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Kerman, Aerospace Engineers, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7130; fax (617) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 95-ANE-69." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-ANE-69, 12 New

England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

Discussion

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received a report of finding during a shop inspection a cracked 14th stage high pressure compressor (HPC) disk installed on a Pratt & Whitney (PW) Model JT9D-7R4D turbofan engine. The investigation revealed that the 14th and 15th stage disk bores can crack due to a fatigue strength debit associated with large unrecrystallized grain microstructure. This material phenomenon results in an associated debit to the 14th and 15th stage HPC disk low cycle fatigue life. This condition, if not corrected, could result in 14th and 15th stage HPC disk rupture, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft.

The FAA has reviewed and approved the technical contents of Non-Destructive Inspection Procedure No. 858 (NDIP-858), dated November 7, 1995, attached to PW Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. JT9D-7R4-A72-524, dated December 13, 1995, and ASB No. A6232, Revision 1, dated January 11, 1996. That NDIP describes procedures for eddy current inspections (ECI) of 14th and 15th stage HPC disks for cracks.

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require initial and repetitive ECI of 14th and 15th stage HPC disks for cracks, and removal of cracked disks and replacement with serviceable parts. The actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the ASB's described previously.

There are approximately 1,100 engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 170 engines installed on aircraft of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. The initial and repetitive ECI would take place during regularly scheduled maintenance, and would therefore require no additional costs to perform the actions required by this proposed AD.

The regulations proposed herein would not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption

ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 USC 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Pratt & Whitney: Docket No. 95-ANE-69.

Applicability: Pratt & Whitney (PW) Model JT9D-7R4 series, -59A, -70A, -7Q, and -7Q3 turbofan engines, with the following 14th and 15th stage high pressure compressor (HPC) disk installed: part numbers (P/N's) 5000814-01, 790014, 789914, 790114, 5000815-01, 5000815-021, 704315, 704315-001, 786215, 786215-001, 704314, 789814, and 790214. These engines are installed on but not limited to Airbus A300 and A310 series, Boeing 747 and 767 series, and McDonnell Douglas DC-10 series aircraft.

Note: This airworthiness directive (AD) applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must use the authority provided in paragraph (f) to request approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This approval may address either no action, if the current configuration eliminates the unsafe condition, or different actions necessary to address the unsafe condition described in

this AD. Such a request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any engine from the applicability of this AD.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent 14th and 15th stage HPC disk rupture, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect 14th stage HPC disks, P/N 5000814-01, in accordance with Non-Destructive Inspection Procedure No. 858 (NDIP-858), dated November 7, 1995, attached to PW Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. JT9D-7R4-A72-524, dated December 13, 1995, as follows:

(1) Perform an initial ECI for cracks as follows:

(i) For disks with 7,000 or more cycles since new (CSN), and 3,000 or more cycles in service (CIS) since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within the next 1,000 CIS after the effective date of this AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(ii) For disks with 7,000 or more CSN, and less than 3,000 CIS since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within 4,000 CIS since the last shop visit, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(iii) For disks with less than 7,000 CSN on the effective date of this AD, inspect at the next shop visit after the effective date of this AD, but before exceeding 4,000 CIS since last shop visit, or 8,000 CSN, whichever occurs later.

(iv) For uninstalled disks on or after the effective date of this AD, inspect prior to installation.

(2) Thereafter, perform ECI for cracks at intervals not to exceed 4,000 CIS since last ECI.

(3) Prior to further flight, remove cracked disks and replace with serviceable parts.

(b) Inspect 14th stage HPC disks, P/N's 790014, 789914, 790114, and 15th stage HPC disks, P/N's 5000815-01, 5000815-021, 704315, 704315-001, 786215, and 786215-001, in accordance with NDIP-858, dated November 7, 1995, attached to PW ASB No. JT9D-7R4-A72-524, dated December 13, 1995, or PW ASB No. A6232, Revision 1, dated January 11, 1996, as applicable, as follows:

(1) Perform an initial ECI for cracks as follows:

(i) For disks with 6,500 or more CSN, and 3,000 or more CIS since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within the next 1,000 CIS after the effective date of this AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(ii) For disks with 6,500 or more CSN, and less than 3,000 CIS since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within 4,000 CIS since the last shop visit, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(iii) For disks with less than 6,500 CSN on the effective date of this AD, inspect at the next shop visit after the effective date of this AD, but before exceeding 4,000 CIS since last shop visit, or 7,500 CSN, whichever occurs later.

(iv) For uninstalled disks on or after the effective date of this AD, inspect prior to installation.

(2) Thereafter, perform ECI for cracks at intervals not to exceed 4,000 CIS since last ECI.

(3) Prior to further flight, remove cracked disks and replace with serviceable parts.

(c) Inspect 14th stage HPC disks, P/N's 704314, 789814, and 790214, in accordance with NDIP-858, dated November 7, 1995, attached to PW ASB No. A6232, Revision 1, dated January 11, 1996, as follows:

(1) Perform an initial ECI for cracks as follows:

(i) For disks with 2,000 or more CSN, and 2,000 or more CIS since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within the next 1,000 CIS after the effective date of this AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(ii) For disks with 2,000 or more CSN, and less than 2,000 CIS since last shop visit, on the effective date of this AD, inspect within 3,000 CIS since the last shop visit, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(iii) For disks with 2,000 or more CSN, and no previous shop visits, inspect within 3,000 CIS after the effective date of this AD, or at the next shop visit, whichever occurs first.

(iv) For disks with less than 2,000 CSN on the effective date of this AD, inspect at the next shop visit after the effective date of this AD, but before exceeding 3,000 CSN.

(v) For uninstalled disks on or after the effective date of this AD, inspect prior to installation.

(2) Thereafter, perform ECI for cracks at intervals not to exceed 3,000 CIS since last ECI.

(3) Prior to further flight, remove cracked disks and replace with serviceable parts.

(d) Within 30 days of inspection, report inspection results on the form labeled "14th and 15th Stage HPC Disk Inspection Report," attached to PW NDIP-858, dated November 7, 1995, attached to PW ASB No. A6232, Revision 1, dated January 11, 1996, and PW ASB No. JT9D-7R4-A72-524, dated December 13, 1995, to the office and fax number listed on that form. Reporting requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned OMB control number 2120-0056.

(e) For the purpose of this AD, a shop visit is defined as separation of the "N" flange.

(f) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(g) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the aircraft to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 18, 1996.

Jay J. Pardee,

Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-ANE-02]

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 series turbofan engines, that currently requires periodic inspection of fan blades for locked rotors and foreign object damage (FOD), unlocking of shrouds if necessary, lubrication of fan blade shrouds, and dimensional restoration of the fan blade leading edge. This action would add a requirement to install improved design fan blades as terminating action for the inspections. This proposal is prompted by the introduction into service of improved design fan blades. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent fan blade failure, which can result in damage to the aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-ANE-02, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Pratt & Whitney, 400 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108; telephone (860) 565-6600, fax (860) 565-4503. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Rumizen, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New

England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7137, fax (617) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 96-ANE-02." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-ANE-02, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

Discussion

On June 5, 1995, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued airworthiness directive (AD) 95-12-19, Amendment 39-9270 (60 FR 31388, June 15, 1995), applicable to certain Pratt & Whitney (PW) JT8D-200 series turbofan engines, to require a periodic inspection of fan blades for locked rotors and foreign object damage (FOD), unlocking of shrouds if necessary, lubrication of the fan blade shrouds, and dimensional restoration of the fan blade leading edge. That action was prompted by the determination that fan blades can fail due to high cycle fatigue (HCF) cracking. This HCF cracking can be